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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE COD FISHING IN SCANDINAVIA

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1. THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD EMBASSY THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT INDICATE, THROUGH POLITICAL OR ANY OTHER CHANNELS, THAT IT IS DISPOSED TO OPEN ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO PORTUGUESE COD FISHERMEN (REF A). HELGE VINDENES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD EMBOFF THAT IN VIEW OF DELICATE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS, NORWAY IS PARTICULARLY RELUCTANT TO ENTER INTO BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS ON LAW OF THE SEA AND FISHING QUESTIONS.

2. VINDENES DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH ARNE TREHOLT, POLITICAL SECRETARY TO JENS EVENSEN, LAW OF THE SEA
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MINISTER. TREHOLT CONFIRMED THAT EVENSEN HAD BRIEFLY

MET WITH SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER MARIO SOARES AT A LUNCHEON DURING SOARES' RECENT SCANDINAVIAN TRIP. TREHOLT TOLD VINDENES THAT EVENSEN DID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE TO SOARES THAT NORWAY WOULD OPEN ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO PORTUGUESE COD FISHERMEN. EVENSEN DID TELL SOARES THAT NORWAY IS PREPARED TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH PORTUGAL ON LAW OF THE SEA QUESTIONS, BUT THESE CONTACTS WILL BE ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

3. VINDENES COULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MISUNDERSTANDING, BUT STATED NORWEGIAN BILATERAL POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL POSITION. VINDENES IS ALSO UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN SWEDISH ATTITUDE.

4. EMBASSY AGREES WITH COPENHAGEN CONCLUSION REF B. BYRNE

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